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HINTS FOR THE HOME COOK

Advice That Is the Result of Com-
bined Experience of Practical
Housekeepers.

A little grape juice, beaten egg
white, added to lemonade forms a de-
licious, healthful drink.

Bacon rinds are good boiled with
cabbage, string or soup beans.
Prunes cooked in the oven after
soaking over night, seasoned and
sweetened to taste, are much richer
than if stewed.

Air blowing on bread sponge will
keep it from rising and may spoil it
entirely.

If eggs are boiled in salted water
the shells will peel easily.

A generous pinch of salt added to
flour for thickening, before mixing
with water, tends to keep it from be-
ing lumpy.

When roasting a fowl stuff the
breast with pared and cut up sweet
potatoes; the flavor is surprising.

When separating whites and yolks
of eggs a speck of yolk slips into
the white; to remove this easily, dip
a clean cloth into warm water, wring
dry, touch the speck with the end of
this and it will cling to it.

Vegetables to be cooked by boiling
should be put into boiling water, as
little as possible, and if the water
is added let it be boiling hot. Steam-
ing is best for most vegetables.

DRYING WITHOUT USE OF IRON

Curtains May Be Turned Out in First
Class Shape If These Methods
Are Employed.

Place two extension brackets on the
wall about six feet apart and seven
feet from the floor. If wall is plas-
tered, be sure they are in a studding.
In the baseboard, directly under each
bracket, place a screw hook with the
hook turned down. (Those which come
with curtain rods are best). Get two
narrow slats about six feet long from
a carpenter shop. Wash curtains, and
while wet run one slat through frill
and place on brackets. Run other
slat through hem and catch under
lower hooks. Put on one pair at a
time. Pull them on slats slightly and
they will dry in beautiful folds. They
cannot stretch, and require no iron-
ing, not even the edging. Lower
hooks may be adjusted if curtains are
not all one length.

Bleaching Linen.

The linens of olden days were handed
down from mother to daughter, but
such is far from being the case to-day,
owing to the difference in bleaching.
Where formerly it took months of
sunshine and rain to bring about the
desired whiteness, now it is done in
two or three days by means of strong
mineral gases whose fumes bleach, ac-
cording to their strength, more or less
quickly. So it is not a poor idea to
buy linen which is not yet bleached
white, as a few trips to the laundry
will remedy this, and in addition it is
cheaper, for the bleaching process is
a costly one. Then, too, the use of
tablecloths and sheets would be
lengthened, appreciably, since over-
bleaching rots the fibers. This is why
blouses seem to melt away in spots.

Rich Bride Cake.

Take four pounds sifted flour, four
pounds of sweet, fresh butter, beaten
to a cream, and two pounds of white
powdered sugar. Take six eggs for
each pound of flour, an ounce of
ground mace or nutmeg and a table-
spoonful of lemon extract or orange
flower water. A very pretty way in
which to present pieces of this cake
to your guests is to cut out each piece
in the shape of a heart, and put on
each separate piece the initial, in
frosting, of each guest to whom the
cake is to be given. Present the cake
in either pink gilt-edged, heart-shaped
boxes, or, if you cannot go to the ex-
pense of having the boxes made, wrap
the pieces in frilled tissue paper, tied
with dainty pink silk baby ribbon.

Jellied Grapes.

A very delicate dish is made of one-
third of a cupful of rice, two cupfuls
of grapes, one-half cupful of water and
two spoonfuls of sugar. Sprinkle the
rice and sugar among the grapes while
placing them in a deep dish; pour on
the water, cover close and simmer two
hours slowly in oven. Serve warm as
a sauce, or cold, as a pudding. If
served warm, increase slightly the
proportion of rice and sugar.

Ham for Breakfast.

Fried ham for breakfast is particu-
larly nice when the slices are cut the
night before and are allowed to soak
all night in a cupful of water, to which
a tablespoonful of sugar has been
added. This softens the meat and
takes out the oppressive salt taste.

Mother's Gingersnaps.

One cupful shortening, one cupful
sugar, one cupful molasses, one heap-
ing tablespoonful ginger, and a heap-
ing teaspoonful of soda dissolved in
very little warm water. Flour to roll
out, the less the better.

Rice and Cheese.

Instead of the usual macaroni-and-
cheese dish, try substituting rice for
the macaroni. It will be found a de-
licious and a nice change from the
macaroni. Boil the rice and have it
quite firm.

Ginger Puffs.

One cupful sugar, cupful molasses,
one-half cupful butter, one table-spoon-
ful ginger, one egg, one table-spoonful
soda, one cupful water, four cupfuls
flour, a little salt. Bake in gem pans.

FAVORITE DISH IN MEXICO

Hot Tamales Worth Introduction into
American Kitchens—How They
Should Be Made.

The Mexican recipe for making hot
tamales is to cook one or two chick-
ens until tender. Remove all meat
from the bone, shred it in the chop-
ping machine and add to it the liquor
in which the chicken has been
cooked. This is seasoned with any
desired condiments, especially red
pepper, and thickened with cornmeal.
The rolls are about the size of link
sausages and they are wrapped in the
inner husks of green corn. Tie the
husks with strings at each end and
boil them for three hours. It is best
to taste the preparation before add-
ing meal to note whether it is rich
or needs more seasoning, allowing for
the meal to be added, which will take
up the sharp flavor.

To make tamale pie, take one pound
of hamburger steak or left-over meat
cut fine, add one level cupful of seed-
ed raisins, one dozen stoned olives,
salt, pepper and red pepper to taste.
Stew until tender and thicken with
one tablespoonful of cornmeal. Then
stir one and one-half cupfuls of corn-
meal into boiling salted water, add
one tablespoonful of shortening and
cool to the consistency of mush. Line
a buttered baking dish with about
two-thirds of this mixture, pour in
the meat, cover with the remaining
mixture and bake for one-half hour.

FOSSIL FOREST IN AMERICA

Yellowstone Park Contains One of the
Most Remarkable of Natural
Curiosities.

Remarkable fossil forests exist in
Yellowstone park, the most remark-
able, it is believed, of the several fos-
sil forests which have been discovered
—there are others in Egypt, in Cali-
fornia and in Arizona—because in the
Yellowstone most of the trees were
entombed in their original upright po-
sition and not found recumbent and
scattered about the ground.

In Arizona, for instance, the fos-
silized trunks have evidently been car-
ried a long distance from where they
originally grew.

In the Yellowstone the trees now
stand where they grew, and where
they are entombed by the outpouring
of various volcanic materials.

Now as the softer rocks surrounding
them are gradually worn away they
are left standing erect on the steep
hillsides just as they stood when they
were living; in fact, it is difficult at
a little distance to distinguish some
of the fossil trunks from the liichen-
covered stumps of kindred living spec-
ies. Such an aggregation of fossil
trunks is therefore well entitled to be
called a true fossil forest.

It should not be supposed, however,
that these trees still retain their limbs
and smaller branches, for the mass of
volcanic material falling on them
stripped them down to bare, upright
trunks.

Words in English Language.

The English language is constantly
growing and almost every person's
vocabulary changes from year to year.
The first edition of Webster's dictio-
nary, two quarto volumes, published in
1828, contained 70,000 words and this
number was increased by several
thousand in the second edition of
Webster's dictionary in 1840. An edi-
tion of 1890 contained 175,000 words
and the latest edition has more than
400,000. Many of these are technical,
scientific, or for other reasons re-
stricted to limited use, but neverthe-
less they are words. Obviously an
educated man has a larger vocabulary,
or command of words, than an unedu-
cated one and a professional writer or
public speaker needs more than a day
laborer. Shakespeare had a vocabu-
lary of about 15,000 words, but some
that he used are now obsolete, while
a large number of new ones have been
added. Milton used about 8,000 words.
It is not likely that any public speak-
er ever uses more than a few thou-
sand words or the average citizen or
man on the street more than a few
hundred.

Chamberlain's Recipe for Success.

One night at Lady Jeune's house Jo-
seph Chamberlain said to me that he
believed any man of even moderate en-
dowment could attain any given aim
which he set before him with unre-
mitting effort and "enduring to the
end." To my question, "Why, then, do
so many men fall short of their ambi-
tions?" he answered: "They come to
the place where they turn back. They
may have killed the dragon at the first
bridge and at the second, perhaps at
the third; but the dragons are always
more formidable the further we go.
Many turn back disheartened, and
very few will meet the monsters to
the end. Almost none is willing to
have a try with the demon at the last
bridge; but if he does, he has won
forever."—Princess Lazarovich Hrebe-
lanovich (Eleanor Calhoun) in the
Century Magazine.

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life with a usury of profit beyond your
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e, beneath your darkest reckon-
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